48 Four Rod Road

1847

Henry L. Dickinson (1826-1888), a tinware, blacksmith & stove dealer & Lucy Ferree (1823-1910).

Greek revival

Historic Buildings of Connecticut

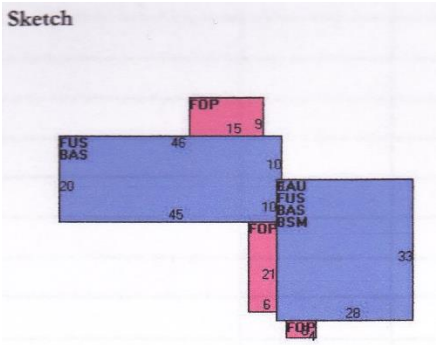
Greek revival house at 48 Four Rod Road was built c 1847 by Henry Dickinson, a blacksmith. The side ell is a later addition.

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut.

1847 Henry Dickinson current owners: Christine Kaczmurck

2018 Town of Berlin GIS Index.

1861 current owner: ASM LLC



Genealogy

Henry L. Dickinson (1826-1888) son of Jabesh Dickinson & Julia Bailey. He was a tinware, blacksmith & stove dealer. In 1848, he married Lucy Ferree (1823-1910). They had children: Albert, Glenroy, Lilly, Henry, Julia. They are buried in Wilcox Cemetery.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
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Town No.:	Site No.:
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QUAD:	
DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR	IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) | (Historic): Henry Dickinson House

2. TOWN/CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE: Kensington | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 48 Four Rod Road 9-3/88/5

4. OWNER(S): Kaczmurck, Christine " " Kensington 06037 ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence | (Historic): Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN:

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1847

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☒ Other (Specify) Vinyl siding
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☒ Cut stone Type: brownstone foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type)
☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)

(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☒ Gable end to the street
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28' x 34'

12. CONDITION (Structural): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior): ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location): ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations): ☒ Yes ☐ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN: Sided

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☒ Barn rear ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Woodland ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
South of #40, a similar Greek Revival house, in a group of 19th-century houses near the intersection of Four Rod and Burnham roads.

#44

PHOTO

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ORGANIZATION: The Colt Armory

ADDRESS: 55 Van Dyke Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

DAT: 12/

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE

The Henry Dickinson House has a three-bay facade with a left entry protected by a flat-roofed portico with a wide plain entablature on fluted Doric columns. Windows have plain board surrounds with wide lintels and six-over-six sash. Paneled corner pilasters rise to a wide frieze (now partially sided) with frieze-band windows fitted with original floral-patterned grates. The molded cornice shows a full return at the gable ends. To the left is a side entry protected by a Victorian porch with square chamfered Italianate columns. An original one-and-one-half-story left-rear ell has paneled corner pilasters and a wide sided entablature. To the left of the ell is a later one-story extension.

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Architecturally, this house is significant as a good example of the Greek Revival style. Although a few features have been obscured by modern siding, the bulk of the historic fabric is still intact and visible. Typical Greek Revival features include the corner pilasters, wide entablature, full cornice return, and gable-to-street orientation (designed to recall the massing of the classical Greek temple) and the wide board window lintels (an imitation of smooth and massive masonry construction). The classical columns and frieze of the entry portico also add to the architectural value of the house. The Henry Dickinson House stands on land sold by Samuel Cowles to Dickinson in 1847; the house was probably built immediately thereafter. Dickinson, a blacksmith, lived in the house for several decades.

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1855 Atlas
1869 Atlas
Berlin Land Records 24:229 (1847)

17 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

[X] None known [ ] Highways [ ] Vandalism [ ] Developers [ ] Other _____

[ ] Renewal [ ] Private [ ] Deterioration [ ] Zoning [ ] Explanation _____